

## b The spirit.

- 1 With faith, Jas. 1:6.
- 2 With a forgiving spirit, Matt. 6:12.
- 3 With the whole heart, Ps 119:58, 145.
- 4 With the spirit and understanding I Cor. 14:15.
- 5 Without ceasing, I Thess. 5:17.
- 6 Without vain show, Matt. 6:5.
- 7 In the Holy Spirit, Jude 20; Col. 4:2.

The next topic will be a continuance of this.

Read Murray's "With Christ in the School of Prayer," if you can get it. J. L. GILLIN.

## A Growing Christ

J. R. Mitchell.

If Christ seems no greater to us now than when we first became His follower, it is a bad sign. If He has not grown in our estimation, it only shows that we have been living at a distance from Him, and have not been growing in our knowledge of Him. A mountain never seems to grow any higher to one who never approaches any nearer to it; and the heavens never grow in depth, wonder or glory to one who never studies them or seeks to peer into them. And so, if Christ is no greater in our eyes than He was years ago, it only proves that we have not been living up to our privileges. If the indwelling Christ who was formed within us at conversion has not grown into a larger Christ, it only shows that there has been something wrong in us. He is an increasing Christ. He is a growing Christ. And if He has been allowed to develop within us, the fault is in us. For it is His very nature to grow.

## Christ in Us

Andrew Murray.

It is only by the indwelling of Christ in his divine humility that we become truly humble. We have our pride from another, from Adam; we must have our humility from another, too. Pride is ours, and rules in us with such terrible power, because it is ourself, our very nature. Humility must be ours in the same way; it must be our very self, our very nature. As natural and easy as it has been to be proud, it must be, it will be, to be humble. The promise is: "Where," even in the heart, "sin abounded, grace did abound more exceedingly." All Christ's teaching of His disciples, and all their vain efforts, were the needful preparation for his entering into them in divine power, to give and be in them what He had taught them to desire. In His death He destroyed the power of the devil, He put away sin, and effected an everlasting redemption. In his resurrection He received from the Father an entirely new life, the life of man in the power of God, capable of being communicated to men, and entering and renewing and filling their lives with His divine power. In His ascension He received the Spirit of the Father, thru whom He might do what He could not do upon earth, make Himself one with those He loved, actually live their life for them; so that they could live before the Father in a humility like His, because it was Himself who lived and breathed in them. And on Pentecost He came and took possession. The work of preparation and conviction, the awakening of desire and hope which his teaching had effected, was perfected by the mighty change that Pentecost wrought.

## The Mission Field

## Washington City Echoes

This cold weather I have been wishing that the Lord would use some of his children by having them send boxes of clothing, shoes, etc., that could be used to much advantage at this time. We have not yet forgotten the good results that we obtained from the sending of a box of this kind from the good sisters of Meyersdale, Penn., in the earlier days of the mission.

And just now let me say that the Penn. S. S. C. E. have resumed their kind ministrations to the mission, at least, we received a \$5 check from Sister Beachley, of Meyersdale, Pa., a few days ago. Please accept thanks. And Brother Mackey, pastor at Elk Lick, sends in \$5 for the Salisbury congregation. Brother Swinehart, of Berlin, Penn., sends cash as follows: Berlin congregation, \$1.50; Maple Grove, \$2.07; Downy, \$1.19; total, \$4.76.

Brother Joshua Long remits \$2.57 for St. James congregation, Md. We received these Christians offerings in the name of Jesus and with the gratitude of our hearts, and pray the blessings of our Heavenly Father upon all!

Brother Shaver, of Maurertown, Virginia, is getting more and more enthusiastic in the cause of "boxing" the missionary. It is an old saying that "charity begins at home;" well, it seems that Brother Shaver presides over several congregations, and after stirring up those away from home, he concludes his good work by having the flock at Maurertown participate, so let me return thanks once more, (this time in advance) for the box has not yet arrived, tho it has been one week on the way. Well, it is cold enough to keep provided it does not freeze. I find the better way, all things considered, is to express, and not freight.

Just a few words now in regard to what it costs to sustain the work here. I find there are some seem to think it costs too much. Let me make a comparison. I notice in a late Gospel Messenger that the mission of the German Baptist's in Brooklyn, N. Y., for last month, cost \$176. It will also be remembered that at their last general conference at Roanoke, Virginia, their General Mission Board appropriated \$1000 to be used in supporting their mission in Washington City. Some time since I learned from authentic sources that that \$1000 appropriation was already exhausted. When we add to this \$1000 the amount raised by their congregation in this city, it is but reasonable to suppose that their mission work in Washington, D. C., is costing, at the lowest estimate, about \$2000 per year. This, of course, is supposed to simply meet their actual, current expenses, for as I understand they do not allow their missionaries anything for their time. Now our German Baptist Brethren seem to have the reputation of practicing economy in the use of money in their church work; then, it seems to me that if it costs

them \$2,000 per year to run their work in this city, and more than that to sustain their work in Brooklyn, surely, we can not be counted very extravagant to require \$900 per year in our work in this city, and of late we are raising one third of that amount, the free will offerings of this little flock. I am glad to know that we do not have many in our brotherhood who feel that our missions are costing too much, but I have heard of some who seem to think that way, hence these facts and figures by way of comparison. May the Lord bless his work and workers everywhere. W. M. LYON.

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## December Report of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church

## GENERAL FUND

Brethren church, Godfrey, Kansas,	\$ 2 50
Mrs. Savilla Lichty, Waterloo, Iowa,	4 00
A sister, Downsville, Md.,	25
Brethren church, Listie, Pa.,	2 00
Henry and Clarence Keim, Ridgely, Md.,	50
National S. S. C. E.,	10 00
Brethren church, Meyersdale, Pa.,	12 62
" " Summit Mills, Pa.,	10 30
Brethren Sunday school, Allentown, Pa.,	7 05
King's Children, Allentown, Pa.,	1 01
Mamie Downy, Phila., Pa.,	75
S. S. C. E., Phila.,	1 00
Mrs. Mary Bushman, Milledgeville, Ill.,	3 65
King's Children, " "	7 00
Junior King's Children, " "	2 60
Brethren church, " "	17 91
G. B. Strayer, Hudson, Iowa,	2 00
Brethren church, Hudson, Iowa,	3 50
L. B. Gillin, Hudson, Iowa,	3 00
Brethren church, Miamisburg, Ohio,	3 79
Brethren Sunday school, Carleton, Neb.,	3 00
Emma Puterbaugh, Lanark, Ill.,	10 00
Amanda Puterbaugh, Lanark, Ill.,	5 00
H. C. Williams, Lansdale, Pa.,	1 00

\$ 124 35

## CHICAGO FUND

Illiokota District,	\$ 14 00
G. W. Barnhart, Hoover, Ind.,	5 00
Illiokota District,	10 00
Anna Johnston, Pikerel, Neb.,	5 00
Chicago Mission Barrel opening,	8 38
Chicago Mission Thanksgiving offering,	2 38
M. B. Summers, Chicago, Ill.,	5 00
Geo. Dingman, " "	20
Miss Anderson, " "	10
Leah Springle, Sterling, Ill.,	1 00
Meetings at Astoria, Ill.,	17 38
Offerings, Chicago Mission,	2 77
Frank Meyers, Congress, Ohio,	1 00

\$ 72 21

## WASHINGTON FUND

Sister Harris, Shubert, Neb.,	\$ 1 00
Young People's Society, Washington, D. C.,	4 50
Berkeybille, Altoona, Pa.,	1 00
S. P. Fogle, New Market, Va.,	2 00
Emma Watson, Kensington, Md.,	1 00
Berta Nininger, Roanoke, Va.,	8 00
E. W. Sterling, Masontown, Pa.,	50
Elizabeth Sterling, Masontown, Pa.,	75
J. B. Sterling, " "	50
Geo. Gould, " "	25
Offerings Washington City church,	25 00

\$ 44 50

## Total,

\$ 241 06

## PAYMENTS

Missionary barrels,	\$ 12 22
Cash paid direct to J. O. Talley,	71 21
Cash paid direct to W. M. Lyon,	43 50
Order No. 85, Z. H. Copp,	30 00